GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2563
ANSWERED ON:08.08.2001
DONATION OF EYE
MOHAN RAWALE

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 5658 on April 25, 2001 and state:

(a) the information as asked for in parts

(a) to

(d) of the said question separately;

(b) whether Government propose to make it mandatory at least for hospitals run by Governments, Central or State and Government aided hospitals to make a post-death request to relatives of diseased patients for eye donation before signing death certificate and releasing the body for last rites, by making suitable amendment (if necessary) in the Transplantation of Human Organs Act, 1994;

(c) if so, whether the Government also propose to arrange for free air time on Radio and Television for the Eye Bank Association of India during the National Eye Donation Fortnight between August 25th and September 6th every year; and

(d) the names of the hospitals linked with various Eye Banks, State-wise?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a)to(d) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2563 FOR REPLY ON 8.8.2001.

(a) The part-wise reply to Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 5658 answered on 25th April 2001 is as follows:-

`(A) Information is not centrally maintained.

(B) Information regarding collection of eyes in the year 2000 state-wise is given in annexure I. Hospital- wise information is not maintained.

(C) The proposal is under consideration of the Government, however, as the matter involves legal procedures such as amendment of the Human Organ Transplantation Act, 1994, no specific time frame can be given for the implementation of the same.

(D) Efforts are being made to link up registered Eye Banks and nearby hospitals in order to ensure timely collection of eyes, however any Eye Bank can provide eyes to any hospital depending on availability of eyes in Eye Bank and the capacity of the hospital involved`.

(b) The proposal is under the consideration of the Government, but no specific time frame can be given for its implementation at this stage.

(c) There is no proposal under the consideration of the Government at the present time and

(d) Any Eye Bank can provide eyes to any hospital who requires it depending upon the availability of the eyes in the Eye Banks and the capacity of hospital involved in eye transplantation to transplant the eyes.

ANNEXURE

STATEWISE STATISTICS OF CORNEA COLLECTION BY THE MEMBER EYE BANKS OF EBAI

S.No.	State	Eyes collected in 1996	Eyes collected in 1997	Eyes collected in 1998	Eyes collected in 1999	Eyes collected in 2000
1.	Andhra Pradesh	650	1114	1040	917	1306
2.	Assam	0 reported	0 reported	Not	Not	0
3.	Bihar	20	26	28	68	17
4.	Chandigarh	109	150	200	225	246
5.	Delhi	691	914	846	997	973
6.	Gujarat	5259	5430	5133	588	6078
7	Haryana	20	20	10	Not reported	168
8.	Karnataka	709	655	723	776	842
9.	Kerala	345	324	238	206	264
10.	Maharashtra	2134	1896	2700	1477	4189
11.	Madhya Pradesh	298	277	310	456	408
12.	Orissa	6	27	Not	Not	0
				reported	reported	
13.	Punjab	659	714	752	100	199
14.	Rajasthan	105	44	47	143	218
15.	Tamil Nadu	1776	2145	2534	1201	3359
16.	Uttar Pradesh	212	32	319	224	214
17.	West Bengal	410	352	214	296	67
18.	Pondicherry					67
		13463	1411	1194	12174	19069